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## FundEd, LLC E-Rate Consulting Services - Resolution & Recovery Service Letter of Agency For the Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008

This is to confirm our school district's participation in the FundEd, LLC E-Rate Consulting Services, Resolution & Recovery Service for the possible recovery of federal E-Rate grants associated with past E-Rate Form filings performed. FundEd, LLC is named as our agent and is therefore permitted to act on our behalf and inquire with USAC, and other parties as necessary, as to the status of our 2006, 2007 and 2008 E-Rate application and all filings and is permitted to answer any questions pertaining to these filings on our behalf.

I understand that persons willfully make false statements on E-rate forms or through this letter of agency can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

School or District:	Maricopa County Regional School District		Signature:	
Date:	4/3/09	2009	Name:	Ernest Rose
			Title:	Superintendent

## 6/2/2009

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: 2006 E-Rate Filings for The Maricopa County Regional School District

- BEN 142889 and Form 471 Number 530784
- USAC Administrators Decision on Appeal Dated May 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

We are FundEd, L.L.C., a consulting firm that has been engaged by The Maricopa County Regional School District to file an appeal on their behalf. We have attached our Letter of Agency from The Maricopa County Regional School District for your edification in this regard.

Their requested funding was originally denied (on April 10, 2009) due to a currency issue with an approved technology plan. FundEd subsequently filed an appeal through USAC (on April 21, 2009) on behalf of The Maricopa County Regional School District in an effort to reverse the denial decision. Within the USAC appeal denial documentation, USAC stated that they have an email communiqué from a previous consultant, dated August 22, 2007, stating that the technology plan for the relevant year "was not completed until August 12, 2006".

FundEd's position in this regard is that the former consultant's claim within their email communiqué is simply incorrect and should be held as invalid. We have attached herein the documentation from the State of Arizona, Department of Education which categorically states that the required technology plans were in fact approved and in place when the Form 471 was filed by The Maricopa County Regional School District consultant, thus proving our claim on behalf of our client. We respectfully request the FCC to reconsider the USAC administrator's denial of the original appeal based on the documentation from the State of Arizona, Department of Education that proves our claim of the existence of an approved technology plan when the E-Rate grant petition was filed.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at (480)209-2425 or eric.freed@getfunded.net

Sincerely,

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Attachments



## State of Arizona Department of Education

Tom Horne Superintendent of Public Instruction

October 15, 2006

RE: CERTIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN REVIEW/APPROVAL

Name of Entity: Maricopa County Regional School District No.509

Plan Approval Expires JUNE 30, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the FCC's E-rate program under the Schools and Libraries

Universal Service Support Mechanism

Thank you for providing a copy of your institution's technology plan for review pursuant to the requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Services support mechanism (commonly known as "E-Rate") program, and the Enhancing Education through Technology Program (EETT) Title IID.

The technology plan you provided appears to include all the basic planning components required under the E-Rate program as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), reference <a href="http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/step2.asp#3">http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/step2.asp#3</a>. As such, you may consider receipt of this letter as confirmation that your technology plan has been approved by an "authorized organization" as required. This certification applies only to the approval of this technology planning document for purposes of your E-Rate and EETT Title IID application.

Although the basic structure of your technology plan has been approved, you are reminded that E-Rate rules require a level of consistency between technology plans and E-Rate funding requests that was not subject to review under our approval process. Please read the latest developments regarding technology plan requirements at the above link to remain compliant of changes to the program requirements.

A listing of Arizona school institutions with approved technology plans may be found on the Internet, at <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/erate/approved.xls">http://www.ade.az.gov/erate/approved.xls</a>

Date Approved: October 15, 2006 Dates covered by plan: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

Approved By:

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## State of Arizona Department of Education

Tom Horne Superintendent of Public Instruction

April 21, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Maricopa County Regional School District (MCRSD) currently has a technology plan that is approved for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009. Evidence to that effect can be found at: <a href="http://www.azed.gov/erate/approved.xls">http://www.azed.gov/erate/approved.xls</a>. In accordance with recent USAC rules, a technology plan approval letter was also issued for the approval and a copy of that letter is attached.

Additionally, MCRSD did have an approved technology plan from the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006. At the time of the approval it was accepted practice on the part of USAC and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) as the official technology plan approver for schools to post a list of approved technology plans to the web. Issuing technology plan approval letters was not required at that time and ADE did not issue letters of approval for technology plans. Please accept the following archived web list as evidence of MCRSD's approved tech plan from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006.

http://web.archive.org/web/20051127013610/http://www.ade.az.gov/erate/approved.xls

If you need additional information or verification, please contact me at 602-542-5233 or at brett.hinton@azed.gov.

Thanks,

**Brett Hinton** 

Arizona Education E-Rate Coordinator